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Grain merchant 'owes £15m to 300 creditors'

Jobs go as administrators are called in

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ADMINISTRATORS have been called in to Ely based farmers' merchant Wellgrain, which owes in the region of £15 million to approximately 300 creditors.

Legal firm Grant Thornton UK LLP has been appointed to write a report, detailing the claims which are still coming in on a daily basis.

Initial figures for debtors and creditors have been drawn from company records, but a more accurate figure will be made available when a report is published at the end of April.

At this stage, it is not known what proportion of businesses affected are unsecured Cambridgeshire farmers. The report will include a full list of the creditors affected.

Ely farmer Luke Palmer, who farms 3,000 acres in Stretham, is chairman of the National Farmers' Union's Ely and Soham branch. He is owed money by Wellgrain for two loads of wheat delivered in February.

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He told the *News*: "It's affected farmers in the local area, not all of them are NFU members but Wellgrain owe money for grain they've either uploaded or wheat that's in stock. The figure could go up, I don't think it will go down.

"I know who has been affected, but the biggest problem is they don't want to say [publicly], they have rung the NFU to tell what they are owed.

"Personally we are owed quite a few thousand . . . it's been quite distressing to a lot of members but other people have been affected far worse than us I believe.

"People are angry. There is a council tenant near Royston that will be badly affected by it and there is still quite a bit of uncertainty. We are waiting for the administrator to confirm exactly what the position is."

Wellgrain was taken into administration on March 2 and 28 of 31 members of staff were made redundant.

A spokesman for Grant Thornton said: "The administrators are currently exploring a number of different options for the future of the business."

A significant problem for many farmers is that they are not insured for this issue so many could face financial ruin in the wake of Wellgrain potentially going under.

Senior legal adviser for the National Farmers' Union, Lucy Ralph, called the news that Wellgrain had entered administration as "extremely worrying" for those owed money.

"We are working to provide guidance to those NFU members who are affected by the administration. They are encouraged to contact NFU on 0370 845 8458."

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MAKING A SPLASH: Lynden Long is raising money for Marie Curie

Boy, 6, to do 100-length charity swim

A 6-YEAR-OLD boy is preparing to make a splash by swimming 2.5km in next month's Swimathon, the world's biggest annual fund-raising swim, to raise money for Marie Curie.

Lynden Long, of Ely, will be jumping into the water at Paradise Pools on Sunday, April 9, and has so far raised more than £1,300 for the cancer charity.

Swimathon 2017 will take place at more than 600 pools across the UK between April 7 and 9 with swimmers challenging themselves to 5km, 2.5km or 1.5km individual or team distances to raise funds for the charity which helps people living with a terminal illness and their families.

Speaking about her son's challenge, mum Anastasia said: "Two weeks ago Lynden picked up a leaflet about Swimathon and instantly wanted to do it.

"We thought 1.5km challenge would be enough but his swimming teacher Lucy encouraged Lynden for a bigger distance of 2.5km, the equivalent of 100 lengths at the local pool, and he was really keen to do this.

"Personally, I wouldn't last more than 10 lengths, but he is definitely determined and we are very proud of Lynden."

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COMMUNITY

City prepares for eel festival

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THOUSANDS of people are set to flock to Ely next month for the annual Eel Festival.

The four-day event, celebrating the origins of Ely's slippery emblem, will kick off with the famous Eel Parade, a carnival-inspired slither through the High Street and down to the river.

Other events on Eel Day include the town criers' competition and the world eel throwing competition to try to beat the current world record of more than 17 metres.

The popular eel food safari will also return with a selection of local food outlets providing special dishes inspired by the fishy theme.

Chairman of the commercial services committee at East Cambridgeshire District Council, Cllr Richard Hobbs, said: "This is easily one of the most popular and well-attended events in the Ely calendar and we are expecting crowds of visitors.

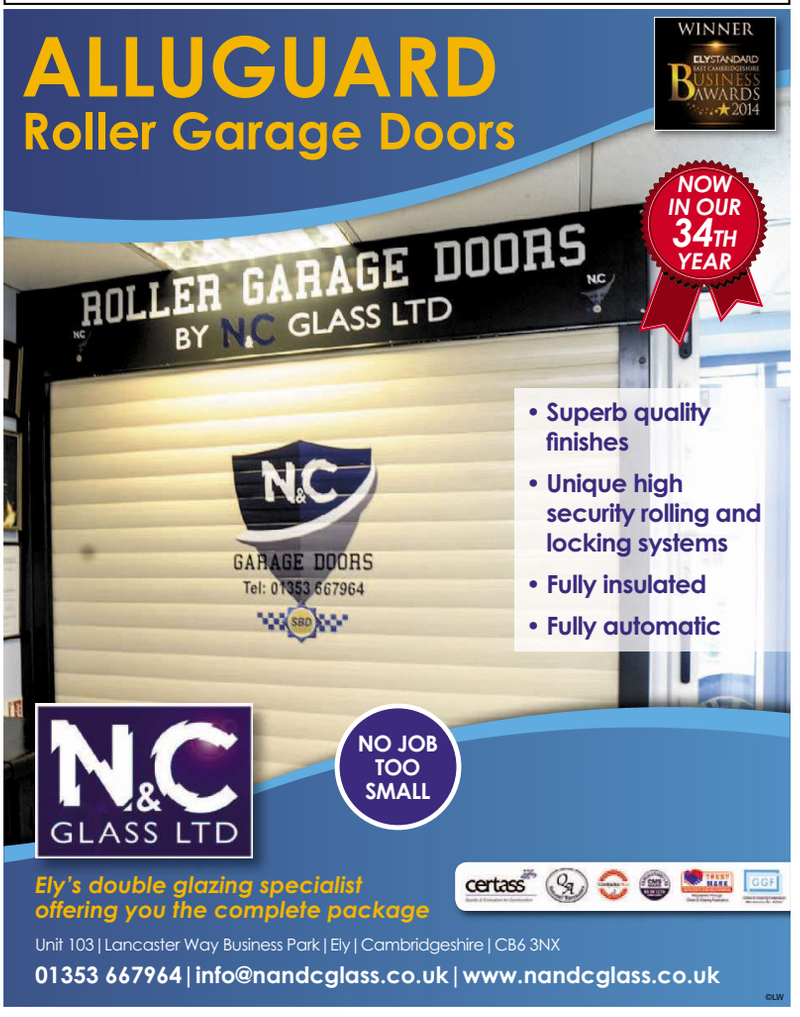
"They will be able to enjoy a full programme of arena events including music, dancing, a living history enactment and a street food scene with more than 75 artisan and specialist food and drink traders showcasing their wares."

The weekend involves many businesses and organisations from across the district: from the community Eel Day on the Saturday to the specialist Food and Drink Festival on the Sunday and Monday.

Among the highlights is the Cookery Theatre where internationally-renowned chef Theo Randall and current MasterChef winner Jane Devonshire will be demonstrating a variety of dishes alongside some of our much-loved local chefs.

There is also the chance to meet and greet the celebrity chefs during 'audience with' sessions at Oliver Cromwell's House.

The weekend, organised by the Visit Ely team, runs from April 28 to May 1.



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CULTURE

Filmmaker is tackling homophobia in football

BRIGHT FUTURE: Sir Ian McKellan, below, helped Rhys take his message to the pitch

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A YOUNG film-maker from Cambridgeshire has found widespread acclaim for his short film *WONDERKID* – with a little help from acting legend Sir Ian McKellan.

This month sees the online launch of 27-year-old Rhys Chapman's film which tackles the issue of homophobia in the world of professional football.

Starring Chris Mason, and Sky Sports' Martin Tyler, Alan Smith and Geoff Shreeves, the film has already been screened on Sky Sports 1HD and depicts the inner turmoil of a gay professional footballer as he strives to succeed in the macho arena of the pitch.

Rhys, who lives in Acton, in West London, grew up in Sutton and moved to the City in 2010 to pursue his dreams of becoming a filmmaker.

"I got into university and I volunteered for a couple of film companies and then in 2013 tried to make a short film," he said.

"It was a passion project, something that I really wanted to do. I believe film should be used to shine a light on things that people aren't ordinarily exposed to and I was trying to look for an issue to base the film around, and homophobia in football seemed like a real issue that hadn't really been addressed before.

"I met Sir Ian McKellan at Gay Pride in London and I told him what I was doing. He said he'd do anything he could to help and when I filmed a crowd-funding video at Wembley I sent him one of the final versions I had initially narrated.

"I asked him if he would do it and he said 'yes' . . . which was amazing. He came in and did a voice-over and it kind of took off after that, because not only is he world famous with an immediately recognisable voice but he's one of the biggest gay actors of all time. So suddenly the project had a huge amount of integrity among the gay community and it became newsworthy and generated a ton of publicity from that campaign and we were able to fund the full version of the film."

The film is now available to watch for free online.

It follows the life of an up-and-coming gay footballer who is signed by a Premier League club in London. He should be on top of the world, but in reality he faces a hostile changing room, trolling messages on social media and a lack of support among his peers.

The film is part of a nationwide campaign to raise awareness about a lack of openly gay professionals in the sport and the core message of the film is that 'it is ok to be yourself'.

Rhys said: "You can't deny that in the top six leagues in this country and across the world, no-one had come out yet and I think surveys have shown that 8 per cent of the population identify as gay or bisexual.

"There are 5,000 male professional footballers in this country so statistically its impossible and through *WONDERKID* we've tried to create an authentic, emotional portrayal of why somebody wouldn't be able to come out and use it to generate compassion.

"The reaction we've had among the football community and the general population has been fantastic. People like it as a film. People like its message and it's done a lot among football to get people to support this cause."

Rhys is currently in the process of developing his short into a full-length 'gritty British' drama series featuring real life scenarios and relatable characters that shine a light on what it would be like for a gay footballer trying to hold it together and remain at the top of his game.

For Rhys it has been a gradual process making it to this point. It started when he made a promotional video explaining the idea and from that managed to get a small grant from the Kevin Spacey Foundation which then funded a kick-start campaign.

Rhys added: "People I speak to from the area I grew up in think it's inspiring and I want to let people know its available to watch. I do feel a shift going where they are starting to be a bit more understanding about what it is like to be gay but there is still a lot of work to be done."

CHARITY

Abseil to bring schoolmates back together

A GROUP of former Ely College students are teaming up with community groups to host a charity abseil down their old school building.

Needham's Tower is due to be demolished but before it is, Littleport community first responders (CFRs) Barbara Knott, Lesley Marsh and Richard Grosvenor are hoping to raise awareness of the role they play in their community, while raising much-needed funding for defibrillators and equipment for the region.

There will also be a raffle, bouncy castle and some 'donation stations'.

The responders will also be on hand to teach basic life support skills like CPR and defibrillation throughout the day.

Barbara Knott, co-ordinator for Littleport CFRs, said: "I've never done anything like this before; it scares the wind out of me!

"But I'm willing to give it a go because it's for such a great cause."

In the build up to the event, £120 has already been raised for Little Miracles and Ely CFR groups, but Barbara is hoping that total will scale to the dizzy heights of £1,200.

The event will take place at the Ely College from 9am till 5pm on Saturday. The first abseil starts at 10am.

If you are interested in donating, you can do so via the team's *Crowdfunding page: www.crowdfunder.co.uk/ely-reunion-charity-abseil.*

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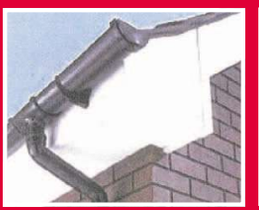

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GOOD REPORT CARDS: MP Lucy Frazer congratulates staff and pupils at Soham Village College.

MP celebrates colleges' success

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MP for South East Cambridgeshire Lucy Frazer went to two Cambridgeshire colleges last week to congratulate them on their recent Ofsted success.

Ms Frazer visited Soham Village College alongside regional schools' commissioner Tim Coulson and regional director for Ofsted, Paul Brooker.

The MP and Mr Brooker also visited Witchford Village College and congratulated both on the significant improvements they have made in the last 18 months since being assessed by Ofsted as "requiring improvement".

At the end of last year, both schools' received a "good" report card, with Soham gaining "outstanding" in some categories while Witchford was rated "good" in all areas.

Ms Frazer said: "Such significant improvement in such a relatively short time highlights the hard work and endeavour of staff, governors and pupils alike.

"Turning around an Ofsted result does not happen with ease and both schools should be congratulated for the evident efforts they have made to bring about such a positive outcome.

"This encouraging progress will hopefully harbour a very positive attitude by all involved to continue on this journey. It was lovely to see how proud the pupils I met today are of their schools."

Soham Village College turned its fortunes around after Ofsted inspectors said it was failing disadvantaged students in 2015.

Inspectors had highlighted poor learning outcomes and absences for disadvantaged students, "double that of peers", as particular areas of concern.

Head of school at Soham Village College, Jon Hampson, said: "I am very pleased by the formal recognition of the hard work and commitment of the students and staff at Soham Village College.

"Attainment and progress measures placed the school in the top 25 per cent of schools in 2016 and Ofsted recently described our work to promote pupils' personal development and to support students as outstanding.

Witchford principal Christopher Terry added: "We were delighted by our inspection report in 2016 and with the feedback from the inspection team. We worked very hard since February 2015."

CLASS ACT: MP Lucy Frazer meets pupils at Witchford Village College.

TRANSPORT

Apology for disabled woman over access

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A PHYSICALLY disabled woman has hit out at rail operator Greater Anglia after she was denied ramp access to trains at Littleport station.

Maria Stableford, 46, a medically retired police officer from Littleport, was planning to travel to London for a birthday treat but was told by the rail operator she would have to use another station.

She was told that although there was step free access to the station, because it is unmanned she should use Ely nearly 10 miles away, where staff would be able to assist her.

Rail bosses have since apologised and said they would learn from the mistake.

The mum of two said: "I went there as a pre-run. I wanted to use the station because it is my birthday and my mum lives in London so I was going to meet her and go to an art gallery.

"I used the slope to access the platform and once I got to the platform I watched the train arrive and then I realised that there was a big gap between the platform and the train."

Maria then made enquiries about the disabled access situation.

She said: "The Office of Rail and Road told me that they had a duty to supply someone with a ramp and if it is an unmanned station they have to send somebody there so long as I ring ahead. The only problem with that is when I emailed Greater Anglia someone said you can't travel from that station, you have to travel from Ely, and made no mention that would happen."

Maria suffers from arthritis and fibromyalgia, which means she has widespread pain and limited joint movement and has to rely on a motorised scooter and a wheelchair.

Train operator Greater Anglia, which runs a handful of services through Littleport station to London, has since apologised for the error of judgement.

A customer relations supervisor told Maria that a staff member had "very recently started within this role and unfortunately, in this instance he has incorrectly advised you."

The supervisor added that the employee would be spoken to "ensure that a repeat scenario is avoided".

A Greater Anglia spokeswoman added: "We are very sorry for any distress caused to Ms Stableford by this incident. Littleport is not one of the 132 stations managed by Greater Anglia and only five of our trains a day call there. Ms Stableford should have been advised to contact GTR [Govia Thameslink Railway] for assistance. We have investigated the complaint and we intend to learn from it for the future.

"We do all that we can to help customers with disabilities, whether they book in advance or turn up at one of our stations."

A spokesman from Great Northern, which runs most of the services through the station from King's Lynn to Cambridge, said: "We are sorry to hear about Ms Stableford's experience.

"We don't have staff at our station in Littleport to put down a ramp but she can still travel with us or Greater Anglia. By calling us from the station's help point, we can either send a member of staff to the station or send a taxi to take her to the nearest staffed station, free of charge, which is nearby Ely.

"However, by booking in advance with our dedicated assisted travel service team on our freephone number, we can make these arrangements in advance and have them ready and waiting to save any delays. This service is totally free."

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TOLD TO USE ANOTHER STATION: Maria Stableford who wanted to travel from Littleport to London

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COME TOGETHER: Cllr Anna Bailey of East Cambridgeshire District Council and Cambridge County Council hopes people will 'Come Together' to cross the road.

Come together for road tribute

ELY residents no longer need to endure long waits to cross a road thanks to a successful district bid for a pedestrian crossing – a victory which has been marked with a Beatles-style tribute.

The new zebra crossing has been built at the junctions of Barton Road and Tower Road, a heavily used crossing for pedestrians travelling into the city to access the railway station.

County councillor for Ely South and West Anna Bailey marked the victory with a celebratory strut across the crossing in a move reminiscent of the iconic Beatles' album cover *Abbey Road*.

She said: "Cambridge Road is one of the busiest streets in Ely and I am delighted to see the delivery of this much needed crossing. I would like to thank the City of Ely Council for their support and all the local residents."

I lose sleep over environment

I TOTALLY agree with Kate Travers' ongoing environmental concerns and good for her that she has come up with constructive suggestions and does her bit.

Sadly this country doesn't do constructive, despite people stepping up to the plate for two world wars, with much more time spent on finding reasons why we cannot "do".

Kate mentions attempts to go to Mars and my comment on that is "you have virtually destroyed this planet what right have you to try to destroy another?" We have a mile deep circle of debris surrounding our earth, from all the junk sent up there, and they wonder why we have climate change.

We have plastic trash encircling reefs and covering the bottoms of our oceans and this tiny island has smog back. Added to this, we have light and noise pollution which not only affects humans, it affects wildlife.

Then we have greedy people selling off pasture, agricultural land and woodland for unsustainable developments with no thought of how we will feed ourselves if the worst comes to the worst.

The road from Newmarket to Ely is an absolute disgrace, plastic hanging from trees, piles of rubbish dumped in lay-bys and someone had the temerity to chuck a bag of dog faeces over my hedge last week from Footpath 100. The don't care attitude and destruction of the environment keeps me awake at night, until it keeps those with the power to do something awake at night, little will change.

Kate, we can only do our bit and hope it catches on.

D Donald
by email

Bike scheme is still thriving

READERS with young children will be delighted to learn that, far from being withdrawn, the Bikeability cycle training in schools programme is thriving. As the county council is already aware, Cambridgeshire will get nearly £630,000 over the next three years.

The Department for Transport, whose funding allows more than 50 per cent of all children in England to be Bikeability trained, is investing £40 million for the four years from 2016. This is more money than ever before and local councils now have the security of knowing how much they will receive right up to March 2020.

The success of Bikeability, which has trained more than two million children since it started in 2007, has led to more demand than ever before for cycle training.

Government spending on cycling has grown 300 per cent since 2010. We believe it is vital that we continue to provide the next generation of cyclists with the skills and confidence they need to make cycling a natural choice for local journeys and we are currently looking at ways to ensure even more children can benefit from the programme.

Lynne Nasti
Horseferry Road
London

How to spread the word well

I DOUBT very much if the reader who only writes the occasional letter to the *Letters* page realises just how well read that letter will be. Local newspapers around the country, like this one, recently printed a letter of mine about those who have served in the Royal Navy trying to find their old shipmates. The response has been fantastic, there are now over 40 Royal Navy reunion weekends organised around the country.

For those who are seeking the camaraderie of the past, the reunions are listed on the RN Shipmates website, *rnshipmates.co.uk* and if your readers want to get in touch and start a search, the contact is there.

For those not on email drop a line to Mike Crowe, 7 Heath Road, Sandown, Isle of Wight, PO36 8PG.

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Typical are the HMS Cavalier Association reunion, the Field Gunners, HMS Illustrious Association, along with HMS Ark Royal, HMS Collingwood, HMS Loch Fada and of course the RN Shipmates reunion itself for those without an association and many many more, take a peak.

See you there, and thank you local newspapers.

Mike Crowe
Sandown

Case of political opportunism

AM I the only person to be dismayed at Nicola Sturgeon's ignorance as she continues to bleat on about last year's EU Referendum.

The referendum was, of course a vote for the whole of the UK and the result is now well known – the UK as a whole voted to leave and that surely, is that?

Not if you listen to Ms Sturgeon who reckons that the majority of Scots who voted Remain now have the right to another independence vote.

I am wondering if Ms Sturgeon and her colleague Alex Salmond realise how silly they look by this latest piece of political opportunism or are they just looking for publicity before their lost cause is buried for good?

Graham Jones
Windmill Close
Ely

TRANSPORT

Plans to close level crossings

PLANS to close or change access to 29 level crossings in Cambridgeshire have been submitted to the Government by Network Rail.

Information on the proposed closures forms part of the Transport and Works Act Orders which followed extensive public consultation last year.

In partnership with Network Rail, Cambridgeshire County Council carried out traffic studies at 33 level crossings to help investigations into rail improvements in the region.

Network Rail says closing or modifying level crossings will improve safety and reduce delays to trains, pedestrians and motorists.

Following the investigations, four have been saved from the axe: Queen Adelaide level crossing, Wicken Road, Munceys and Barrington Road.

Public consultations held last year showed that 60 per cent of people disagreed with draft proposals to close the Ely North Junction crossing. There were also concerns that access to the Fens Rivers Way would be made difficult.

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A statement on Network Rail's website reads: "We held 13 public consultation events to showcase our proposals to close or change the use of around 130 level crossings across the Anglia region.

"We believe it's possible to close level crossings, with private rights only, by diverting people to where a nearby alternative exists and by providing a new public route to a nearby alternative."

The company continues: "Following analysis of all the responses and listening to public and stakeholder concerns and ideas, we have put forward our final proposals to the Secretary of State for Transport to consider.

"A small number of crossings originally identified for closure or change have been removed from the project. We will also look to downgrade level crossings to non-motorised users. None of the crossings in this proposal involve closing public A or B roads."

Nationally, Network Rail first announced it would set about closing around 500 level crossings and improving safety across the country in 2013, shortly after it was fined £1 million for health and safety breaches.

If agreed, the closures will take place from late 2018. Objections, or letters of support can be made by April 25.

Email *transportandworksact@dft.gsi.gov.uk.*

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SQUEAKY CLEAN: Crews raised over £1,500 for the Fire Fighters Charity.

Firefighters bucket over £1,500

FIREFIGHTERS cleaned up at car washes on Saturday to raise more than £1,500 for the national Fire Fighters Charity.

Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Services in Ely, St Ives and Huntingdon took part, spending several hours cleaning muddy cars, 4x4s – even a Mustang GT convertible and an Aston Martin.

Ely crews joined forces to wash around 40 cars and several muddy 4x4s.

On call firefighter Liam Mountford said: "We had a steady number of cars coming all day, so a big thank you to the public for being so generous with their donations."

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STRINGER Amy — To A very special lady who i call mummy, I believe in love at first sight because since the day I opened my eyes I fell in love with you. love you mummy love Damilola xxx Damilola

WRIGHT Carol — Happy mothers day mum/nan. Thanks for everything. Enjoy your day love you lots xxx Niki and Brendon and all the gang

Deaths

ANSLOW
David Anthony
of Witcham

Passed away peacefully at Arthur Rank Hospice on Sunday 12th March 2017 aged 77 years

Beloved husband of Anne, father of Daniel and Tessa

A Service of Celebration will be held at St Mary's Church, Ely on Wednesday 29th March 2017 at 3.30pm

Family flowers only, but donations, if desired, for Arthur Rank Hospice Charity and Blind Veterans may be left at the service or sent to

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4 Tower Road
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GOODGE
Margaret

of Stretham

Passed away peacefully at home on Friday 17th March 2017 aged 74 years

Wonderful wife of Robin. Caring mum of Julie and Clive. Loving nan to Jonathon, Rebecca, Edward, Robert and Henry, special sister to Chub (David), Ernie, George, Kathleen and the late Elsie, also friend to many

Funeral Service to take place at St James Church, Stretham, on Friday 31st March at 11.00am followed by private family burial at Coveney

Family flowers only by request, but donations, if desired, in aid of Cancer Research UK and Parkinson's UK, may be left at the service or sent to

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OAKMAN
Dinah

of Ely

Passed away peacefully in The Firs Residential Home, Little Downham on Tuesday 7th March 2017 aged 92 years

Much loved mum to Rodney, Ricky, April and Adrienne and nana to her 7 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren

Funeral Service at Mintlyn Crematorium, Kings Lynn on Thursday 6th April 2017 at 3.15pm

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SHEPHERD
Vera Winifred (Fing)

died peacefully at home on 12th March 2017, aged 103. Dearly loved wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Funeral at Fenland Crematorium, March on Friday 24th March, at 3.30pm. Flowers welcome. Donations, if desired, to Baird Lodge Social Fund care of RJ Pepper & Son, 27 High Street, Soham, CB7 5HA.

STURMAN
Ellen Edith

of Ely

Passed away peacefully in Addenbrooke's Hospital on Monday 27th February 2017 aged 93 years.

Reunited with her husband John, much loved mum to Maurice, Melvyn and Roy, loved mother-in-law, devoted nan, great nan and great great nan. Loved and Remembered Always.

Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Ely on Tuesday 28th March 2017 at 12 noon followed by interment in Ely Cemetery.

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TUCK
Gregory Edward
Of Ely

Passed away peacefully at Ringshill Nursing Home, Huntingdon on 2nd March 2017, aged 89 years.

Much loved husband of Marjorie, father to Jonathan and loving grandad.

Funeral Service to take place at St Marys Church, Ely on Wednesday 5th April at 1.00pm followed by Committal at Fenland Crematorium.

Family flowers only please, but donations if desired for either Cancer Research UK or Dementia UK can be sent c/o East of England Co-op Funeral Service, 14 Prickwillow Road, Ely, Cambridgeshire, CB7 4NS. Tel: 01353 922000.

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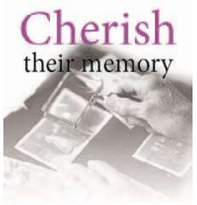

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In her weekly column for *Ely News*, MP for South East Cambridgeshire Lucy Frazer talks about the fairer funding for schools consultation

MANY people have contacted me about the fairer funding consultation which closed yesterday.

I agree that for far too long Cambridgeshire schools have been underfunded and disproportionately funded in comparison to many other areas, and we need to change the funding formula to make funding across the country more equal.

I have campaigned extensively for a fairer funding formula for schools in my constituency and I was pleased when the Government announced it would look at the formula.

I have been pressing to ensure a greater proportion of any new formula is spent on core per pupil funding as this will ensure a greater per pupil allocation in Cambridgeshire.

Last week I raised the matter of the impact of the formula on our schools with the Prime Minister. This was the third time I have raised the fairer funding formula with her. I have also raised the matter with the Education Secretary on many occasions.

I have taken the secondary school head teachers from the constituency to meet with the Education Secretary three times. I have gone to these meetings armed with knowledge I gained from discussing the issue with many of my schools, Cambridgeshire County Council and the Cambridgeshire Schools forum.

I am very grateful to all of them for identifying the points that will make a difference to our schools.

The Government has been consulting on the new formula for the last few months. There has been an opportunity to make our voice heard through the consultation process and I know a number of schools have encouraged parents to respond to the consultation. I too have urged constituents to do so.

I will continue to press for the best result for our area, but it is important to mention that the formula as currently proposed does benefit our area. South East Cambridgeshire's funding under the formula increases by over £1 million, although as the amount received depends on various factors it differs from school to school.

This funding is separate from the Opportunity Fund recently announced for East Cambridgeshire. East Cambridgeshire and Fenland are one of only 12 areas nationally to be awarded an Opportunity Area Fund.

I have been pressing the Secretary of State for some time for our area to benefit from this funding and I am delighted that we are the recipients. I am hopeful that the fund will help to improve children's futures.

If you would like to contact me on any issue please do so at *lucy@lucyfrazer.org.uk* or follow me on facebook *www.facebook.com/FrazerLucy* or visit my website *www.lucyfrazer.org.uk*

GUIDE

City one of best places to live

TARA COX
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ELY has been named as one of the best places to live in Britain by *The Sunday Times*.

The city – along with three others nearby locations, Hemingford Grey, Saffron Walden and the Shelfords, near Cambridge – was judged on a wide range of factors from jobs, exam results and broadband speed, to culture, community spirit and local shops.

The awe-inspiring beauty of Ely Cathedral is obvious to anyone arriving in the city but, according to the judges at the national newspaper, it was also highly rated when it comes to the quality of a cup of coffee.

Fifteen East of England locations were announced in part two of *The Sunday Times Best Places to Live* guide, published on Sunday.

The guide named Woodbridge in Suffolk as the top place to live in the region.

According to the organisers, the methodology relies on hard data and robust statistics on crime and education, but also on expert knowledge from *The Sunday Times* judging panel.

They said: "The judges combine the numbers with their own experience of the villages, towns and cities, such as local pubs, ease of transport and the range of attractive property to ensure the chosen locations truly are places where readers and their families can thrive."

Cambridge has been named one of the *Sunday Times* Best Places Top 20 perennials, the list which celebrates the places that have appeared in almost every list over the past five years.

Under the heading Boom Town for the Brainy, the newspaper said: "You can't argue with this honey-coloured hotspot's popularity.

"The population is soaring, thanks to great rail links and blossoming tech businesses, as are property prices, making Cambridge the third least affordable city in the country."

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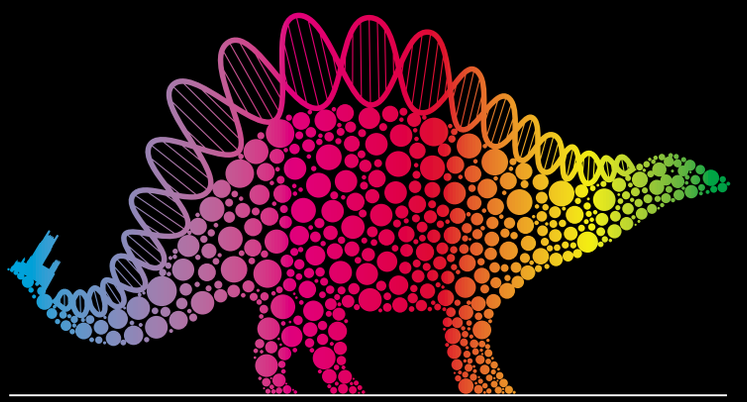

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SUCCESS: King's Ely pupils enjoyed taking part in their annual Reading Festival

Pupils compete in annual festival

READING, spelling and creative writing have been celebrated in style at King's Ely.

The annual Reading Festival saw King's Ely Senior and King's Ely Junior students enjoying a week-long extravaganza of events and activities.

This year, the festival started with a celebration evening to announce the winners of a writing competition involving students in Years 5 through to 10. Author Jane Wilson-Howarth attended the ceremony.

Winners were: Year 5 to Year 10: Harriet Petherick, Lola Phillips, Cleo Olsson, Eleanor McGillivray, David Harris and Arthur Plews.

Activities during the week included author visits, tutor group competitions, book swaps and pop-up book stalls.

There was also a special focus on spelling when King's Ely hosted an International Spelling Bee.

FIRE

Fire service in cuts warning

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FIREFIGHTERS in Cambridgeshire are dealing with far fewer fires – but have warned the county's ageing population and stretched social care services will continue to put it under increasing pressure.

Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service has seen a steady decline in the number of fires it is called to tackle, with a 24 per cent decrease from 2011/12 to 2015/16.

The service is also meeting its attendance targets for urban and rural calls, and is attending fewer road traffic collisions than it did five years ago.

However, it has warned it may need to further share its workload with other emergency services to combat increasing financial pressures.

The state of the county's fire service is laid out in a new report. The Integrated Risk Management Plan (IRMP) sets out the service's aims and commitments for the next three years, and suggests further budget cuts could be on the way. It also hints at further cost-cutting partnerships with other emergency services.

Its introduction states: "This document is written within the context of continued reductions in public sector funding and blue light collaboration.

"This means we need to find ways to ensure we are using our resources in the best possible way, to maintain the quality of service we provide and further reduce the level of risk in the community in a collaborative way, working with partner organisations."

The service has made more than £4 million in cuts since 2010, with its on-call services restricted and fire stations in Burwell and Swaffham Bulbeck merged.

Official statistics show a countywide decline in fires in line with national trends, despite Cambridgeshire's growing population.

The service already collaborates with the police and ambulance services, and councils across the region. However, the report suggests further collaborations could be on the cards.

While the service has consistently met its target attendance times for emergency call outs, the report identifies a "steady rise in the average attendance time across this area", which it puts down to "the declining availability of some of our on-call appliances".

The service aims to respond to the most serious incidents in urban areas within nine minutes, and within 13 minutes for rural locations.

The fire service is legally required to produce an IRMP document at least every three years.

The document, which is available to read in full online, was produced after examinations of the service's detailed statistics.

A public consultation on the report is open until June 1, with focus groups planned to explore some of the areas highlighted in further depth.

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With the BBQ season almost upon us, although it's certainly taking its time, what better time to give your kitchen oven a break and a bit of a spring clean?

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St George is an independent family-run and completely non-caustic oven cleaning service catering for the whole range of domestic cooking appliances, including ovens, ranges, extractor fans (including replacement primary filter), electric/gas hobs and of course microwaves.

When surveyed, women said that cleaning the oven is the one chore they dislike undertaking the most, while at the same time they liked it to be kept clean. Men said that they are prepared under duress to clean the oven, but would much prefer it if someone else did it for them!

This is the reason St George Oven Cleaning was established in the area, and on top of that they actually enjoy cleaning ovens, no matter how dirty their condition. They will come to your home at a time and date to suit you and vigorously clean your oven in around two hours using specially designed equipment. They also replace filters and bulbs where required.

Business owner Mark Stamford said: "For the past 15 years I have seen numerous people, together with their ovens, in varying degrees of distress and need of attention. In fact, ladies are often embarrassed and begin by apologising for the condition of their oven. There really is no need. No one ever apologises to the window cleaner before he begins work and that is how I look at it".

The end result is always amazing, no matter how dirty the oven was to begin with. All solutions used to clean the cooking appliances are non-caustic, thus avoiding potentially dangerous aerosols, chemicals and off-the-shelf products that can be very damaging. No mess and no harmful vapours. The oven can be used again as soon as soon as the job is finished.

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Handler has second win at Crufts

A DOG from Ely has triumphed at Crufts by winning the Young Kennel Club (YKC) Stakes competition for the second year in a row.

Pandora, a six-year-old Dalmatian (Champion Winflash Born To Be Wild JW), and her owner, 23-year-old Charlotte-Louise Page, beat other talented young handlers and their dogs to be crowned the winner of the 2017 YKC Stakes Competition at 'the world's greatest dog show'.

Charlotte-Louise said: "I can't quite believe it. To have won once was amazing, let alone twice and for the second year running!

"I'm very lucky to have won under such a well-respected judge and can't thank him enough for thinking so highly of Pandora."

Caroline Kisko, Kennel Club secretary, added: "Congratulations to Pandora and Charlotte-Louise for their fantastic win – no doubt we'll be seeing a lot of them in the future."

DOUBLE VICTORY: Charlotte-Louise and her dog Pandora took first place at the Young Kennel Club Stakes competition

COMMUNITY

Poverty levels in region increase

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MORE people are living in poverty in the East of England, with increasing numbers of people of working age affected, according to a report.

New figures published by the Department for Work and Pensions show the number of children and pensioners living in poverty is on the rise in most parts of the UK.

In East Anglia, the proportion of working age people in relative poverty – after housing costs (AHC) have been paid – is a cause for concern, increasing from 17 per cent in 2014/15 to 18 per cent in 2015/16.

Relative poverty is when a person doesn't have enough income to allow for the average standard of living in the place they live. It is considered the best way to measure poverty in any given country.

In East Anglia, more than a fifth (21 per cent) of people are living in relative poverty after they have paid for housing costs.

That means about 1.1m people across the region can't afford an average standard of living.

The AHC poverty measure reflects the impact of higher housing costs, which is especially significant in Cambridge and its surrounding areas, where affordable housing remains an issue.

East Anglia's figure is only 1 per cent below the UK average – 22 per cent nationwide were in relative poverty after paying housing costs in 2015/16.

That's 14 million people in the UK, half a million more than in 2014/15, who now struggle to afford a good quality of life.

Inequality has also increased since 2014/15, as the incomes of those on low salaries saw more modest growth compared to those in top jobs.

Four million children are reported to be living in poverty, up from 3.9m in 2014/15, and the number of pensioners experiencing hardship has jumped from 1.6m in 2014/15 to 1.9m in 2015/16.

Responding to the statistics, chief executive of Child Poverty Action Group Alison Garnham said: "The Prime Minister spoke about injustice on entering Downing Street but there is no greater burning injustice than children being forced into poverty as a result of government policy and no greater damage to our long term prosperity than failing to invest in our children.

"These figures are grim but, according to independent experts at the Institute for Fiscal Studies, the outlook for the next few years is bleaker.

"Most worrying of all is that the Government seems to be in a state of denial. The last Budget failed to mention poverty even once.

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■ Mother's Day craft making, stay and play at Centre E, March 24, 1pm till 3pm. Suitable to up till 5s. Entry £2.50, includes tea and biscuits and snacks for kids.
■ Ely soup dinner fundraiser, The Maltings, March 24, from 7.15pm. Admission £5, For more visit: *www.elysoup.com*.
■ Race night for Comic Relief at BAR62, March 24, 7pm till 10pm. Late night bar and disco until 1.30am. Call: (01353) 661003.
■ Craft and Collectables plus Farmers' Market, at Ely's Market Place, March 25, 8am till 4pm.
■ Ely Sainsbury's Comic Relief shop floor events, March 24, from 11am. Features a danceathon from 11am till 2pm and men's leg waxing from 12pm. Staff will also be in fancy dress.
■ Easter Egg Bingo at Highfield Special School, March 25, 6pm till 8pm. All the family are welcome. £1 per game. *Email hfpaeasterbingo@outlook.com*.
■ Ely Consort concert of War and Peace, Ely Cathedral, March 25, from 7.30pm. Tickets £15 - £10. Under 16 £7.50 to £5. For tickets call:(01353) 660349.
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■ Nearly new sale, at The Shade Primary School, March 25, 3pm till 5pm. £5 per table. To book a table call: 07957996192.

Little Downham

■ Stay and play children's activity day at Little Downham Village Hall, March 27, 1pm till 6pm. Tickets £5 per child all day or £3 for 1.5 hours.
■ Charity bingo in aid of the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, at Little Downham Village Hall. March 24, 7pm till 10pm. Bingo tickets £5. Call: (01353) 775266.

Wicken Fen

■ Mothering Sunday boat ride at Wicken Fen National Nature Reserve, an hour-long trip along Wicken Lode on the Mayfly boat. Booking essential. Call: (01353) 720274.

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Exhibition entries needed from artists

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Babylon director Caroline Cawley, said: "During the summer our riverside gallery is an unrivalled local setting for artists to display and sell their artworks. We fill the gallery with artwork hung academy style from floor to ceiling. Over the month it's a chance for visitors to browse, buy and discuss the works on show very much along the lines of the London open exhibitions."

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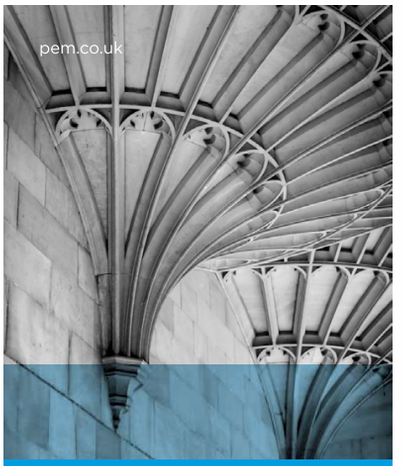

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Run of the mill

A ruined 19th century mill in Little Downham has been transformed into a cutting-edge – and carbon negative – contemporary home. Alice Ryan stands back to admire.

IF Ely Cathedral is considered the ship of the Fens, Little Downham's Tower Mill could well be its lighthouse. The period part of the property – the Grade II listed mill tower, which gives the house its name – is topped with a 360-degree glassed viewing room; lit with colour-changing neon bulbs, it's a beacon after dark.

"We've only been in the village a few months, but already people joke they can tell what mood we're in by the colour of the lights," laughs owner Henry Martin, who shares the mill with wife Jayne, two horses, two cats and rescue collie Roma. "Red means we're in party mode; blue is more contemplative . . . We can even set them to strobe, which is very lighthouse-like."

When the Martins bought the site, little over three years ago, it was pretty much a blank canvas, aside from the mill which, long empty and missing its sails, window and cap, had fallen into real disrepair. Attracted by the idea of incorporating the 19th century tower into a new build – planning permission had already been granted on the plot, albeit for a rather smaller home – Henry could straight away see the potential.

"The site itself is lovely: it's set back from the road and has pretty uninterrupted views. From the top of the tower we can see for probably 10 miles, out across the Fens to the cathedral; and, of course, we get the full glory of the famous fenland skies.

"We'd done a new build before; we built our last house, in Wicken, 10 years ago. I'd always wanted to do it again: I felt we'd got it 95 per cent right, but that there was room for improvement. . ."

As well as creating a spacious and stylish family home, Henry had another goal in his sights: to produce a property with the lowest possible carbon, running and maintenance costs.

Deemed carbon negative in its official energy certification – thanks, in large part, to the roof's 10-kilowatt photo-voltaic array, which charges a state-of-the-art storage battery system – Tower Mill is a master class in energy-saving measures. They include a super-efficient biomass boiler, triple-glazed windows, heavily insulated walls, heat-exchange waste water pipes, rainwater harvesting, heat-recovery ventilation and a whole series of smart home systems, such as motion-sensing lights, which flick on and off as you enter and leave the room, and an intelligent thermostat, which keeps a check on both internal and external temperatures.

"With every element, I wanted to take it as far as we possibly could, in part to see what was really possible," adds Henry, who says he wanted to build a house that was both planet and pocket friendly and also future-proof. "I didn't want anything that would need maintenance in years to come; I'm not the climbing a ladder type."

Enlisting the help and expertise of the team at Eco Installer, the Sutton-based specialists, made, says Henry, all the difference. Working alongside local architect Judith Brear, of Ely firm Freeman Brear, Roland Gurney of Eco Installer was the brains behind many key features – including the aforementioned photo-voltaic panels, installed on an epic scale. Using a model sourced from Germany, which embeds into the roof rather than standing proud, the system is, says Roland, "two-and-a-half times bigger than average: it's huge. The storage battery is also new technology; we think it's only the second of its type in the UK."

Roland also masterminded the smart home measures: "They're an additional way of increasing energy efficiency and preventing unnecessary waste."

Tower Mill is as beautiful as it is clever. The black-pitched tower, with its glazed top and tilted-cap roof, is now home to a ground floor dining room, complete with purpose-made circular table ("It's like the Knights of the Round Table in there," says Henry); a first floor TV room and snug; and a top floor office, with mezzanine to take full advantage of the views.

The main building connects directly to the tower; its blackened brick walls are visible inside as well as out. Containing three bedrooms and plentiful open-plan living spaces, a particular triumph of the new build is the glass-walled 'day living space', which is flooded with daylight whatever the weather.

The entranceway, too, is striking: taking the cylindrical tower as inspiration, Judith worked a whole series of sympathetic curves into the design, from the outdoor pathway to the concentric circles in the hall's Amtico floor.

Another of Judith's triumphs is Tower Mill's roofline: comprising three slopes, each at a different pitch and angle, it's both stylish and pleasingly sculptural.

A former construction project manager and trained engineer, Henry too worked on the design (realised by builders Offord & Camp). The main staircase – also a glorious sweeping shape – was his idea: a jigsaw of 12 separate blocks, each made from a dozen laminated layers, its warm wood finish draws the eye.

Upstairs the master bedroom is fronted with four huge glass panels, two of which open to reveal a glass balustrade. "It faces due east, so we wake up to the sunrise. Even on grey days, when the sun's not breaking through, the sky is still interesting; we see some amazing clouds."

The room looks out over the stables to the open countryside beyond, a single road and the Ely to March railway line just visible in the distance. "Because of the glazing, we don't hear any road noise," adds Henry. "There is a real sense of retreat."

Outside, the garden – largely lawned with just a few angular raised beds – is kept deliberately simple: "I'm no gardener either; we have a robotic mower."

Thanks to the productive solar panels, the Martins live off-grid for between four and five months of the year. The cost of additional electricity and fuelling the pellet boiler – which is loaded annually with some 3 tonnes of pellets, but burns so efficiently only a few handfuls of ash result – is around £1,000 per year. But that's directly off-set by the couple's electric car, which powers up in the garage and does 9-10,000 miles annually. And it doesn't take into account the income from feed-in, generated and renewable heat payments, which total around £1,800.

It will, concedes Henry, take around 20 years for them to save in energy costs what they outlaid on systems and technology. But he sees it as an investment, both for himself and Jayne and their two adult children. "There is planning on the adjacent piece of land; long term we may build a smaller house and one of the kids could move in here.

"Delightful is the word I use for this house," concludes Henry. "It delights me every time I walk through it; even after nine months, the space, the shapes, all the little details delight me. To be able to say that is, I think, rather wonderful."

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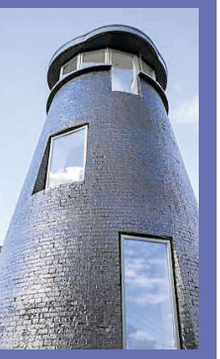

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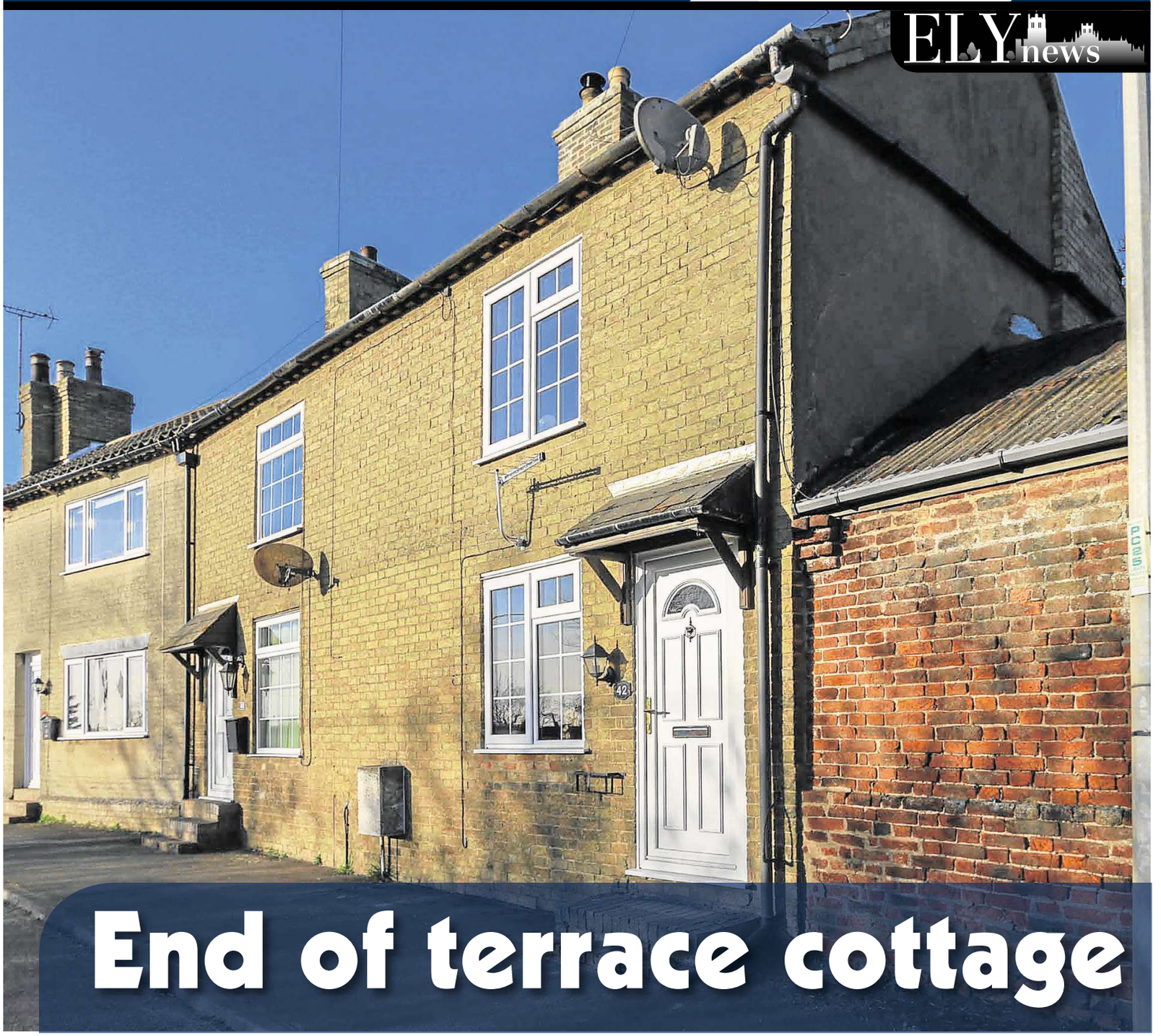

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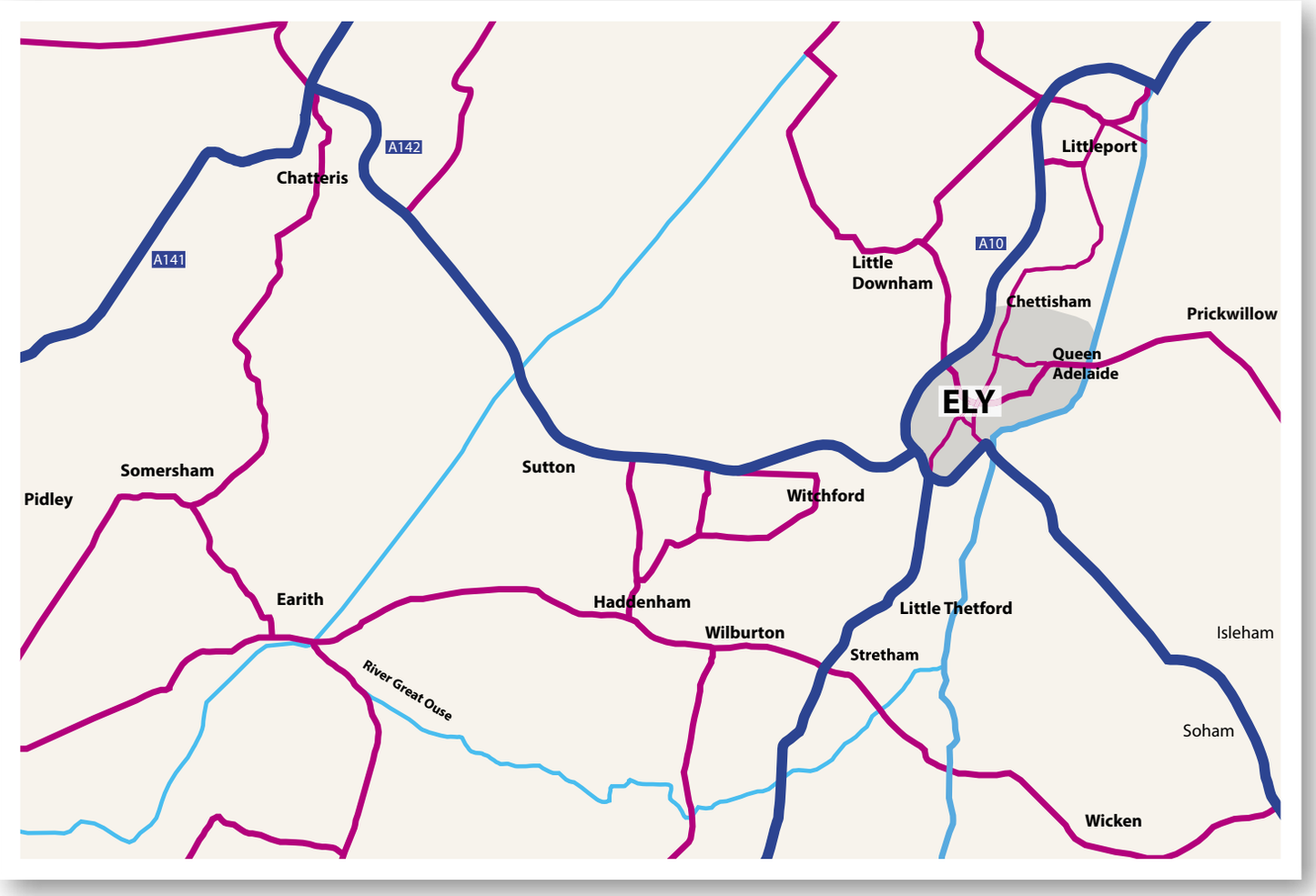

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Feature homes

Cover property: Haddenham: £215,000

THIS spacious end terrace cottage in Hill Row, Haddenham, is now available at a guide price of £215,000.

Inside the property, accommodation comprises lounge with feature inglenook fireplace, modern kitchen/diner with integrated appliances, cloakroom/WC, two spacious bedrooms and a family bathroom.

Outside, there is a courtyard area with gated access to the single garage and parking. Beyond this, there is a path which leads to the detached gardens and a 100ft private garden with a variety of fruit trees including plum, apple and cherry, all located adjacent to farmland.

For further information contact David Clark & Company on (01353) 665020.

Witchford: £825pcm

This mid terrace property in Briars End, Witchford, is now available to rent for £825pcm.

On the ground floor of the property, accommodation comprises an entrance hall with understairs storage, ground floor WC, beech fitted kitchen with electric oven and a sitting/dining room with patio doors overlooking the rear garden.

On the first floor, there is a master bedroom suite with built in treble fitted wardrobes, two additional bedrooms and a recently refitted bathroom with shower over bath.

Outside, there is a fully enclosed landscaped rear garden with patio areas and a single garage.

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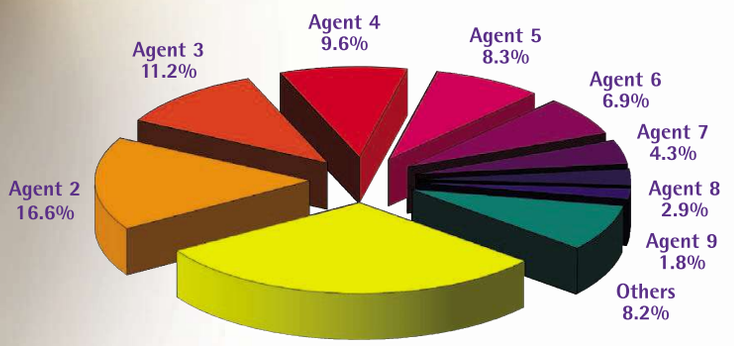

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Generous and the spacious garden
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£369,995

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Impressive Home in an Impressive Location
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£440,000

This detached home offers entrance hall, lounge/diner leading to the conservatory, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room leading to the utility and cloakroom. The first floor offers a galleried landing, master bedroom benefiting from a dressing room and ensuite, three further double bedrooms and family bathroom. Outside the rear garden is in two separate parts, both being low maintenance leading to the detached garage at the end of the garden.

Great Bungalow in Need of Modernisation.
Sutton
O.I.R.O. £250,000

Open House Event 25th March 11am to 12pm. Put your own stamp on this brilliant two bedroom detached bungalow with sitting room, kitchen dining room and bathroom situated in the award winning village of Sutton near Ely. Outside to the front is a lawn area with a driveway leading to the single detached garage. To the rear- mostly laid to lawn with established shrubs.

Superb Four Bedroom Home
Littleport
£329,950

This property is both house and chalet bungalow! offering buyers very flexible choices as to how the rooms and space is utilised.The versatile accommodation boasts two double bedrooms downstairs and two doubles upstairs. Lounge, kitchen/diner, shower/utility room. There is ample off road parking and garage. HRT0476

Put the finishing touches on this property £420,000

Detached family home set in a quiet cud de sac in the suburbs of Ely ready for someone complete the project. The property consists of lounge/diner, kitchen, cloakroom and further reception room to be completed by the purchaser. Master bedroom with en-suite and dressing room, three further bedrooms and the family bathroom. Outside- to the front, driveway leading to the integral garage. To the rear, gravelled seating area, raised walled shrub and flower beds, lawn, gates to both sides. This property is offered with no chain.

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Chance to win tickets for adventure on the high seas

WIN family tickets for a swashbuckling adventure on board the Jolly Roger with KD Theatre Productions this Easter.

After last year's successful offering of *The Wizard of Oz*, KD Theatre Productions returns with another family spectacular, *Treasure Island and the Caribbean Pirates*, at the Maltings, Ely, from April 1-5.

Featuring a professional cast, live band, popular songs, lots of comedy and spectacular effects, this is a show for all the family!

And we have two family tickets – two adults plus two under 16s or one adult plus three under 16s – worth £52 each to give away in a *News* competition.

Winners will be able to join Jim Hawkins on his quest to find the buried treasure and rescue the island princess from the terrible Black Beard and the Caribbean pirates.

To be in with a chance of winning, write the answer to the following question on a postcard along with your name, address and contact number and send it to: Treasure Island Competition, Ely News, Winship Road, Milton, Cambridge, CB24 6BQ to arrive by noon on March 28.

What is Jim Hawkins trying to find?

The first two correct answers drawn out of the hat will be the winners. Usual *News* competition rules apply.

If you are unlucky, you can still book tickets priced between £10-£15 at *www.kdtheatre.co.uk* or contact the box office on (01638) 781037.

FELINE FINE: Pupils at Kin's Ely in rehearsals for CATS at the King's Ely Hayward Theatre tomorrow and Saturday

Purr-fect musical for family

FAMILY favourite musical *CATS* is being staged at King's Ely this week. More than 30 King's Ely Junior pupils will be starring in the Andrew Lloyd Webber production at King's Ely's Hayward Theatre tomorrow and Saturday, March 24 and 25.

Pupils in Years 5 to 8 auditioned for the all-singing and dancing show back in September.

The production is being directed by Kathryn Sudbury with musical direction by Neil Porter-Thaw and choreography by Natasha Hobbs.

Based on T.S. Eliot's whimsical collection of poems, *Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats*, the popular musical brings together a tribe of Jellicle cats on a moonlit evening, who must make the 'Jellicle choice' to decide which of them will ascend to the mysterious Heaviside Layer to be reborn.

Director of drama and theatre at King's Ely, Nick Huntington, said: "*CATS* is an international phenomenon and its original production is still the fourth longest-running show on Broadway. A magical, moving and often hilarious glimpse into the lives of others, *CATS* takes Eliot's lyrical poetry and puts it into the mouths of King's Ely Junior's company of singing, dancing felines."

The show is at 7pm both evenings, plus there is a 2pm matinee performance on Saturday. For tickets at £5 each, call (01353) 660730 or email *clairerobbins@kingsely.org*.

FOOD & DRINK

BAKED with love

Georgia Green, left, has shared three cracking cake recipes for Mothering Sunday. Visit her website at (georgias-cakes.co.uk)

*A HOME-MADE CAKE FOR MOTHER'S DAY (MARCH 26) IS HARD TO BEAT. BLOGGER AND BAKER TO THE STARS **GEORGIA GREEN** SHARES THREE SHOW-STOPPING RECIPES*

FRUITY FAYRE

CREME PATISSERIE & FRESH FRUIT TART

INGREDIENTS

For the pastry:
200g flour, 100g butter, 50g egg (about 1), Pinch of salt

For the jam:
100g raspberries, 100g sugar, Lemon juice, if needed

For the creme patisserie:
375ml milk, vanilla pod, 60g egg yolk, 90g caster sugar, 30g corn flour, 30g flour

To decorate:
Fresh fruit (Georgia uses blueberries, raspberries and blackberries, but you can choose what you like), Gold leaf or dust (optional)

METHOD

1. To make the pastry, rub the flour, salt and butter together to form a sand-like consistency. Add the egg and combine until dough is formed. Chill in fridge until firm (15 minutes).
2. Blind bake in your tin with baking beans on 200°C for 12 minutes, until the edges start to crisp, then remove the beans and cook until light and golden (10 minutes).
3. For the creme patisserie, scrape the seeds from the vanilla pod into the milk and heat up until steaming.
4. Whisk together the yolk and sugar until light and creamy. Sift in the flours and combine.
5. Pour half the milk into the egg mix, then pour all the mix into the milk pan and stir until thickened and bubbling.
6. Transfer onto a flat tray and cover with cling film until cool.
7. Whisk up again until the mix is smooth, and fill a piping bag.
8. To make the jam, mix the raspberries and sugar in a pan and bring up to 107°C. Pour onto a flat tray and leave to cool. If the mixture is too thick, add lemon juice to loosen it up.
9. To assemble your tart, spread a layer of jam on to the base of the pastry. Pipe over the creme patisserie. Pipe some larger drops of creme patisserie on the top, then scatter the fruit and finish off with some gold leaf or dust.

IN THE PINK

GEORGIA'S OMBRE CAKE

INGREDIENTS

For the cake:
250g butter, 250g caster sugar, 250g self raising flour, 200g eggs (about 4), 1tsp vanilla extract

For the buttercream:
500g icing sugar, 150g softened butter, 60ml milk, 1 vanilla pod, Pink food colouring

To decorate (optional):
Fresh fruit macarons, meringue kisses, white chocolate shards, strawberries, flowers

METHOD

1. To make the cake, melt the butter then mix together with the caster sugar. Add the eggs and mix through, then the flour and vanilla until incorporated.
2. Divide equally into two six-inch cake tins and bake at 180°C for 30-40 minutes, until they are cooked through.
3. For the buttercream, beat together the icing sugar, butter and milk and add the seeds from the vanilla pod. Keep beating until the mixture is light and fluffy.
4. Once the cakes have cooled, cut into two layers so you have a total of four layers of cake.
5. Put the first layer onto a cake board or plate with a little buttercream underneath so it doesn't slip. Pipe or spread some buttercream onto the layer of cake and sandwich another on top. Repeat until you get to the last cake, being sure to turn the final layer upside down, so the top is the flat part from the cake tin.
6. Smother buttercream over the whole layered cake and scrape away the excess (this is called crumb coating).
7. Refrigerate or freeze for 20 minutes until the buttercream has hardened.
8. In a separate bowl, mix a couple of heaped tablespoons of buttercream with some food colouring to get a dark colour. Spread a thin layer of the coloured buttercream around the bottom of the cake.
9. Add some more white buttercream to the coloured one to make a lighter shade, and spread it on the cake just above the layer you just did.
10. Repeat until you get to the top, where you want to spread white buttercream on the top layer and the top of the cake.
11. Use a scraper or palate knife to go around the cake, smooth out the sides and you should achieve the ombre effect.
12. Even out the top of the cake so it's flat and decorate with fruit, flowers and sweet treats, or however you like!

RAISE A GLASS

WITH JANE CLARE

I'M SO, so happy that spring is round the corner. I'm not a winter person, even though I enjoy all those hearty red wines with warming casseroles and big roasts.

Now the birds are tweeting and the blossom is peeping out, it's time to think of the lighter days ahead and rejoice.

Here's a handful of wines to welcome in the new season.

■ **Villa Maria Reserve Vineyard Wairau Valley Sauvignon Blanc 2016 (£13.99 or £11.99 in a buy six deal at Majestic, 13.5% abv):** The grapes for this wine come from premium vineyards in the Wairau Valley in New Zealand.

Oh my, just an intake of breath above the glass and my mouth begins to water.

A good NZ sauvignon blanc has intensity, juiciness and freshness that just can't be beaten when your senses need a wake-up call.

The aromas are tropical with passion fruit and nectarines, with the dryness of gooseberry and a hint of herbs. Citrus flavours are intense and the acidity is bright and zingy.

Don't just sip it but allow it to linger in your mouth and take a moment to enjoy that wake-up call!

■ **Zalze Bush Vines Chenin Blanc (RRP £8.29, Morrisons, Booths, Waitrose, 13% abv):** Last Friday night I ordered some comfort food in the form of a Thai takeaway a) because I was lazy b) well, it was Friday and c) I craved a good burst of spice.

I poured a little of this wine while waiting for the delivery.

South Africa has kind of adopted this grape which has its homeland in France and this wine has subtle aromas of tropical fruits and zesty lime which are also reflected in the flavours.

The wine's citrus freshness was a good complement to the hot bite of Thai noodles (I'd eagerly gone overboard on the chilli request).

■ **Mount Rozier Wild Peacock Chardonnay 2016 (£7, Sainsbury's, 13.5% abv):** Chardonnay is the most flexible of grapes. It can grow almost anywhere; it can be oaked; it can be blended; it is a classic champagne grape; it can be simple and citrussy or have notes of hazelnut and honey. The options are endless.

Here, this wine from South Africa is unoaked and has a buttery, creamy nose and a touch of that cream comes through in the mouth – but only a touch. There's also a good flash of acidity and citrus flavours which tingle.

■ **Blind Spot Yarra Valley Rosé 2016 (£7.95, thewinesociety.com, 14.5% abv):** As a contrast to the whites, how about a springtime pink? The Wine Society's Blind Spot range features Australian parcels of grapes that would normally be used in blends, but the society has collaborated with Australian wine expert Mac Forbes to give these grapes a voice of their own.

This pink is a luscious deep cerise colour and is made from syrah grapes grown in the Yarra Valley which is just north-east of Melbourne.

The nose is sedate with blackcurrant leaf and subtle cherry, and to taste, there's a flash of pepper alongside black cherry flavours.

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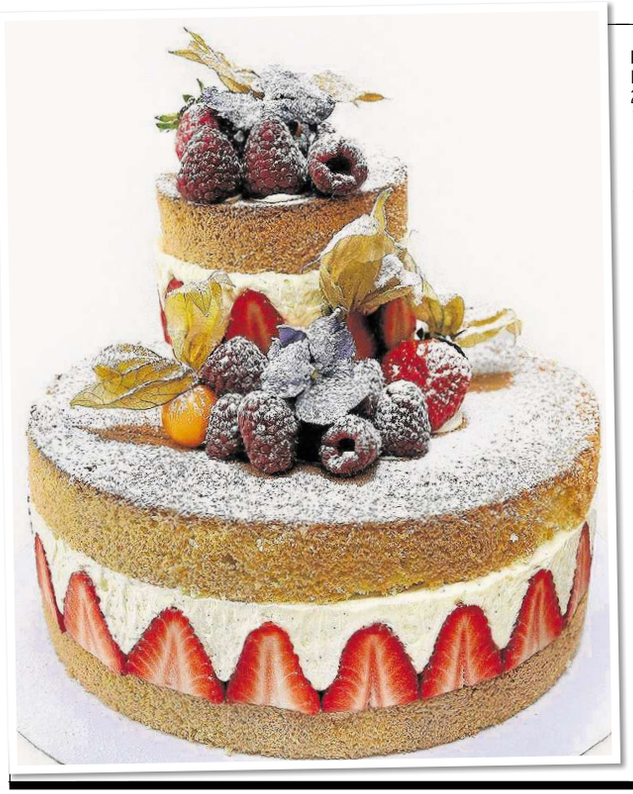

TIERS FOR CHEERS

GEORGIA'S TWO-TIER FRASIER CAKE

INGREDIENTS

For the genoise sponge:
200g eggs (about 4), 40g egg yolk, 150g caster sugar, 150g plain flour, 24g melted butter

For the creme patisserie:
500ml milk, 1 vanilla pod, 80g egg yolk, 120g caster sugar, 40g plain flour, 40g corn flour, 300g softened butter

To decorate:
2 punnets fresh strawberries, extra fruit, icing sugar, sugar syrup (equal measures of caster sugar and water)

METHOD

1. Starting with the genoise, whisk together the eggs, yolk and sugar until ribbon stage (thick enough for you to write with it in the mixture).
2. Sift in half the flour and gently fold, then add the remaining flour. Once combined, add the melted butter and fold in.
3. Pour into two mousse rings (or cake tins with removable bases) – one eight inches and one four inches – and cook at 180°C for 20 minutes, until the cake springs back and a knife comes out clean.
4. For the creme patisserie, scrape the vanilla seeds into the milk and heat until it's steaming.
5. While it's heating, whisk together the yolks and caster sugar until pale. Sift in both flours and whisk together to combine.
6. Pour half of the hot milk into the sugar/egg/flour and mix in, then add this mixture back to the milk pan where the rest of the milk already is, and whisk while cooking back on the heat. This will begin to thicken, so keep whisking until it starts to boil (you will see bubbles try to escape from the bottom!).
7. Take off the heat, transfer onto a tray, spread it flat, cover tightly with cling film and leave to cool.
8. Once cool, whisk back up and gradually add the softened butter to achieve the correct consistency.
9. When the cake is cooked, remove from the tin and wash the tin ring up – you will need this for assembly.
10. Trim the top of the cooled genoise sponge so it's flat, and keep this aside (try not to eat it!). Then, cut the remaining sponge cake in half, as neatly as possible so you now have two layers.
11. Put one of the layers back in the mousse ring (which should now be on cake board to serve), press down and coat with sugar syrup.
12. Cut the stalks from the strawberries and cut in half lengthways. Arrange these around the rim of the mousse tin, facing outwards.
13. Fill any gaps between the strawberries with the creme patisserie (a piping bag will help). Then spread out a generous layer of creme patisserie on the bottom.
14. With the spare trimming of the sponge, soak in sugar syrup and place in the centre. If any strawberries are left over, cut them into smaller cubes and gather them on top of this layer of sponge. Then add the remaining creme patisserie and cover all of the cake right up to the top of the tin.
15. When the creme patisserie is smoothed out, gently lift up the mousse ring, and the alignment of strawberries should be neat and visible. Now the top layer of genoise can be placed on top, with a quick dusting of icing sugar.
16. Repeat for the smaller cake, then arrange the fruit to decorate over the top and finish with a dusting of icing sugar.

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male seeking

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Wheels

A guide on how to pass your MOT the first time

A CAMBRIDGE tyre specialist has released a top tips guide to help ensure MOT tests are passed first time, after research shows that an alarming one in five vehicles fails due to easily avoidable problems.

Newly released figures compiled with the help of Cambridge Performance Tyres, part of the Protyre Network on Unit 53 Clifton Road Industrial Estate, Cherry Hinton Road, reveals that from a survey of a 100 cars, 21 per cent of those failed the MOT test.

The most common problems identified, with over a third of motorists (36 per cent) reporting a failure, related to tyres and wheels, followed by 23 per cent with steering and suspension issues.

In third place, Protyre reports 10 per cent fail due to wipers and washer issues – simple faults motorists can remedy themselves.

Darryl Block, manager of Cambridge Performance Tyres, advises that easy checks carried out by motorists can drastically reduce the chances of their vehicle failing its MOT if they look out for the top five common problems.

TESTING TIMES: There are simple checks motorists can carry out to avoid MOT failures

Top five tips to avoid MOT failures:

1. Tyres and wheels

Visually check your tyre condition. Any damage present, or a tread depth less than 1.6 mm will fail an MOT test. Each tyre must be free from lumps, bulges and cracks. If in doubt, place a 20p coin into the main grooves of each tyre. If you can see the outer edge of the coin, the tread is below the legal limit and you will need to replace the tyre. Not changing tyres that are below legal limit could also lead to three points on your driving licence and a fine of £2,500 per illegal tyre.

2. Steering and suspension wear and tear

Check for bangs or knocks when going over bumps or lurching when driving, as this may be an indication that your car has mechanical issues.

3. Wipers and washers

Look out for wipers that smear the screen or have visible tears. Also, something as small as an empty wash bottle can cause an MOT fail. Ensure your bottle is topped up with either water or screenwash before taking your vehicle in for a test.

4. Lights

Whether its headlights or brake lights, check front, rear, brake, fog, indicator, registration plate and signals. If these are not fully operational they will fail the test, so replace bulbs where required.

5. Brakes

Check your brakes as you set off. Wear, corrosion and distortion will cause your vehicle to fail its MOT. If you hear any strange noises, or if your car pulls to one side, contact your local garage immediately.

Mr Block said: "If motorists take the time to carry out simple checks beforehand, they can very easily avoid MOT failures.

"By identifying the most common causes for these failures, motorists have a greater opportunity to pass first time.

"If motorists do find they have any problems before their vehicle is due for an MOT, it's best to inform their garage ahead of time, so that any issues can be rectified in advance."

For more information on MOT testing visit *www.protyre.co.uk*.

Return of the festival of the unexceptional

CLASSIC vehicle insurance specialist Hagerty has confirmed the return of its popular annual Festival of the Unexceptional, Concours de l'Ordináire, due to be held on Saturday, July 22.

For 2017, the location for this unique and light-hearted event is moving just a few miles down the road from its previous venue, relocating to the stunning surroundings of Stowe House, Buckingham, next to the Silverstone motor circuit.

These spectacular surroundings will perfectly set off the annual Hagerty concours, which celebrates the much maligned and long forgotten 'ordinary' classic cars and commercial vehicles of the late 1960s, 70s and 80s.

The Concours de l'Ordináire will be free to attend, and open to classic cars and commercial vehicles built between 1966 to 1989.

Any owner of a suitably mundane but interesting 'unexceptional' 1966-1989 vehicle can register for consideration and potential participation at *https://www.hagertyinsurance.co.uk/articles-and.../festival-of-the-unexceptional*.

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VAUXHALL is encouraging customers to buy in March from its best-selling range of passenger cars to avoid next month's Vehicle Excise Duty (VED) increase.

The updated road tax measures will provide a big shake-up of the existing system, with the revision of the vehicle tax bands affecting everyone buying a new car from April onwards. Big savings can be made across the Vauxhall range if you buy now before the new rules come in to force.

Based on four years of ownership, the Corsa SRi 1.0i Turbo (90PS) Start/Stop ecoFLEX in three-door hatch body style will go from £60 (zero VED in the first year, subsequent years at £20 standard rate) under the current regulations to £560 from April 1, 2017, to April 1, 2021.

If you're in the market for a compact family car, the Astra SRi 1.0i Turbo (105PS) Start/Stop ecoFLEX in five-door hatch body style sees a VED hike of £500, where you would pay £60 under current VED regulations.

For customers looking for a compact SUV, the new regulations mean a Mokka X Active 1.6 CDTi (110PS) Start/Stop ecoFLEX FWD model will see VED increase by £500 to £560 over a four-year period.

COMPACT: The Vauxhall Mokka X

These savings are in addition to Vauxhall's Sales Event which runs from today until Tuesday, where you can get a new Vauxhall plus a great deal more.

As well as beating the taxman, at participating retailers you can get £500 spending money and 20 per cent off genuine Vauxhall accessories.

"We don't want our customers to be caught out on VED come April 1," said Leon Caruso, Vauxhall's retail sales director. "Not only can they beat the tax hike if they order in March, but customers can also take advantage of our great finance offers, making their new Vauxhall even more affordable."

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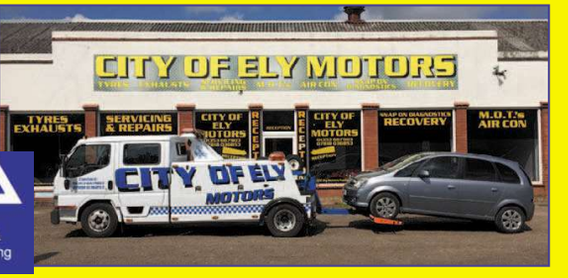

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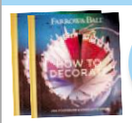

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Closing date: 9am Monday 27 March 2017
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CAMBRIDGESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

NOTICE is given that Cambridgeshire County Council intends after seven days, to make the following Orders pursuant to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended by the Road Traffic (Temporary Restrictions) Act 1991, the effect of which:

Lower Drove, Wicken
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC)
ORDER 2017/177

Is to stop any vehicle from proceeding along Lower Drove, Wicken as lies between Way Lane and Lower Road.

The alternative route for vehicles is via Way Lane – Stretham Road – Chapel Lane – Lower Road and vice versa.

The proposed Order is necessary to facilitate electrical connection works which are being carried out on or near this highway and it will come into operation on 10 April 2017 and continue until these works have finished or on the 9 October 2017 whichever is the earlier.

It is anticipated that these works will be carried out between 10 April and 12 April 2017.

Prickwillow Road, (B1382) Queen Adelaide
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC)
ORDER 2017/180

Is to stop any vehicle from proceeding along Prickwillow Road, (B1382) Queen Adelaide as lies between Dairy Farm and Queen Adelaide Way, Ely.

The alternative route for vehicles is via B1382 – A1101 – New River Bank, Littleport – Branch Bank – Padnall Bank, Queen Adelaide – B1382 and vice versa.

The proposed Order is necessary to facilitate carriageway reinstatement works which are being carried out on or near this highway and it will come into operation on 24 April 2017 and continue until these works have finished or on the 23 October 2017 whichever is the earlier.

It is anticipated that these works will be carried out between 24 April and 25 April 2017.

Main Drove, Little Downham
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC)
ORDER 2017/181

Is to stop any vehicle from proceeding along Main Drove, Little Downham as lies between points 20m either side of the railway level crossing situated there as measured from its gates or barriers.

The alternative route for vehicles is via Main Drove – Short Drove – Pymoor Siding, Pymoor – B1411 – Pymoor Lane, Pymoor – 0 Furlong Drove, Little Downham - Downham Common and vice versa.

The proposed Order is necessary to facilitate essential maintenance works which are being carried out on or near this highway and it will come into operation on 15 April 2017 and continue until these works have finished or on the 14 October 2017 whichever is the earlier.

It is anticipated that these works will be carried out between 22:55hrs 15 April and 10:45hrs 16 April 2017.

Newnham Street (C138), Ely
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC)
&
Newnham Street (C138) and Market Street, Ely
(TEMPORARY REVOCATION OF ONE-WAY TRAFFIC ORDER)
ORDER 2017/182

Is to stop any vehicle from proceeding along Newnham Street (C138), Ely as lies between Nutholt Lane (B1382) and Market Street.

During the period this Order remains in force The County of Cambridgeshire (Various Streets, Ely) (One-Way Traffic) (Consolidation) Order 1979 is hereby suspended insofar as it affects Newnham Street (C138) and Market Street as lies between The Gallery and Nutholt Lane (B1382).

The alternative route for vehicles is via B1382 – The Gallery – Market Street and vice versa.

The proposed Order is necessary to facilitate manhole replacement works which are being carried out on or near this highway and it will come into operation on 25 April 2017 and continue until these works have finished or on the 24 October 2017 whichever is the earlier.

It is anticipated that these works will be carried out between 08:30hrs and 17:30hrs 25 April 2017.

Hasse Road, Soham
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC)
ORDER 2017/199

Is to stop any vehicle from proceeding along Hasse Road, Soham as lies between Castles Farm and Poplar Farm.

The alternative route for vehicles is via Hasse Road – A142 – North Field Road and vice versa.

The proposed Order is necessary to facilitate tree works which are being carried out on or near this highway and it will come into operation on 18 April 2017 and continue until these works have finished or on the 17 October 2017 whichever is the earlier.

It is anticipated that these works will be carried out between 18 April and 19 April 2017.

The Vineyards, Ely
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC)
ORDER 2017/210

Is to stop any vehicle from proceeding along The Vineyards, Ely as lies approximately 20m either side of number 37.

The proposed Order is necessary to facilitate stop tap replacement works which are being carried out on or near this highway and it will come into operation on 3 April 2017 and continue until these works have finished or on the 2 October 2017 whichever is the earlier.

It is anticipated that these works will be carried out between 3 April and 5 April 2017.

Angel Drove (A142), Stutney Causeway (A142), Bridge Road (A142), Station Road (A142) and Soham Road (A142), Stutney
(TEMPORARY 40MPH & 30MPH SPEED LIMIT)
ORDER 2017/213

Is to impose a 40mph & 30mph speed limit along Angel Drove (A142), Stutney Causeway (A142), Bridge Road (A142), Station Road (A142) and Soham Road (A142), Stutney as lies between Cambridge Road (A10), Ely and Nornea Lane, Stuntney.

The Order will be effective, for safety purposes, when signs are in place indicating the speed limit along the whole or any part of the above mentioned length of road whilst works are in progress or temporarily suspended.

The proposed Order is necessary to facilitate Ely Bypass construction works which are being carried out on or near this highway and it will come into operation on 3 April 2017 and continue until these works have finished or on the 2 October 2018 whichever is the earlier.

It is anticipated that these works will be carried out between 3 April 2017 and 20 June 2018.

Footpath 2, Footpath 23, Footpath 24, Ely, Footpath 2, Soham and Footpath 6, Little Thetford
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF USE)
ORDER 2017/214

Is to stop any pedestrian from proceeding along Footpath 2, Footpath 23, Footpath 24, Ely, Footpath 2, Soham and Footpath 6, Little Thetford as lies between the A142 and Byway 40, Ely; the A142 and Footpath 16, Little Thetford; and the A142 and Footpath 4A, Soham respectively.

The alternative route for pedestrians will be as signed as and when available.

The proposed Order is necessary to facilitate Ely Bypass construction works which are being carried out on or near this highway and it will come into operation on 5 April 2017 and continue until these works have finished or on the 4 October 2017 whichever is the earlier.

It is anticipated that these works will be carried out between 5 April and 4 October 2017.

Blockmoor Road, Soham
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC)
ORDER 2017/216

Is to stop any vehicle from proceeding along Blockmoor Road, Soham as lies at the junction with Barway Road for a distance of approximately 35m in a southerly direction.

The alternative route for vehicles is via The Cotes – Broad Piece – Mereside – Kingfisher Drive – The Shade – A142 – Barway Road and vice versa.

The proposed Order is necessary to facilitate mains reinstatement works which are being carried out on or near this highway and it will come into operation on 25 April 2017 and continue until these works have finished or on the 24 October 2017 whichever is the earlier.

It is anticipated that these works will be carried out between 08:00hrs and 23:59hrs 25 April 2017.

Access will be maintained to properties affected by these orders.

The above Orders shall not apply to any persons lawfully engaged in connection with any works for which they are made, any member of the Police Force, Fire and Rescue Service, Ambulance Service, a vehicle being used by Special Forces during the execution of their duties or to any person acting with the permission or upon the direction of a Police Officer in uniform.

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Jeffrey's goal is in vain as Robins lose to Hadleigh

Football

ELY City suffered their first defeat in seven games as they went down to a 2-1 defeat at home to Hadleigh United in the Thurlow Nunn League, Premier Division on Saturday.

The Robins took the lead with fewer than 10 minutes gone as the visitors failed to clear their lines and Dan Jeffrey scored from Kelvin Enaro's pass to claim his first league goal of the season.

Enaro almost doubled the lead shortly afterwards, but his chip over the onrushing Hadleigh keeper bounced off the top of the crossbar and out of play.

The hosts were punished for not taking their chances two minutes later when they equalised.

City keeper Harry Reynolds did well to keep out Sam Sharp's effort at the far post but there was nothing he could do to stop Tom Driscoll firing home the rebound.

Things got even worse for Ely shortly afterwards as Garry Burdett set up Michael Barwick to shoot past Reynolds and give Hadleigh the lead before half time.

In the second half Hadleigh seemed content to sit back and protect their lead but Ely struggled to build any serious momentum.

Matty Simpson forced a good save from the Hadleigh keeper with a long-range volley, and in stoppage time defender Nathan Littlefair struck the post after latching on to Tom Williams' flick-on.

The final whistle went moments later, condemning Ely to defeat and handing Hadleigh their first win in seven matches.

In the Ryman League, North Division, Sam Mulready scored twice in a minute as **Soham Town Rangers** claimed their first win in 16 games – and manager Robbie Mason's first as player-manager – with a 2-1 victory at home to Thurrock.

Thurrock took the lead in the 11th minute but the game turned on the hour when Mulready won a penalty which he converted.

Then a minute later he finished from close range to put Soham ahead and the Green successfully held on for the win.

SO CLOSE: Nathan Littlefair went close to a stoppage-time equaliser for Ely against Hadleigh but his effort hit the post

Eley and Rust on podium at Kentford event

Cycling

MATTHEW Eley and Francesca Rust got on the podium in the second round of the Mud, Sweat and Gears Mountain Bike Series.

Competing at Kentford's Phoenix Bike Park, the Ely & District Cycling Club/B&T Motor Repairs pair came second and third in the men's and women's sport races respectively.

Eley completed eight laps and was only a second behind the winner, while Rust finished six circuits and was six seconds adrift of the top performer.

Martin Holland was 26th in the veterans' race, while Phil Peacock and Paul Harbinson were 12th and 22nd respectively in the grand veterans' event.

Gary Fleet negotiated four laps and was 39th in the men's open race, having earlier seen his son Charlie Fleet come 28th in the under-12 race. Ollie Sinden was 22nd in the same event.

Ely members were also out in force for the ECCA 10-mile time trial at Six Mile Bottom.

The club's fastest rider was Paul Sparks, who clocked 22min 41sec in what was only his third open event.

Philip Gosling (22.56), Martin Holmes (23.23), Derek Ricketts (23.32) and Alison Holmes (27.15) also got home in good time.

At the West Suffolk Wheelers' hilly 21-mile time trial in Risby, Bury St Edmunds, Robert Golding crossed the line in 50.36.

Rory Havis stopped the clock at 51.44, while John Manlow (56.42) and Stephen Croft (59.44) did well.

And Havis also secured a 10th-place finish at the Wisbech Wheelers 10 in 23.12.

Isleham fight back for win

Girls' football

ISLEHAM under-14 girls came from behind to beat Bourne 13-1 in the S-Tech League.

After falling 1-0 down, four goals from Amy McLean, two from Talia Irvine and one from Ella Cummins ensured Isleham went into half time with a 7-1 lead.

Isleham's dominance continued in the second half, with Irvine completing her hat-trick and McLean adding another four more goals to take her tally for the season to an impressive 50 goals or more for the third season running.

Mia Yearn hit the crossbar with a free kick and Connie Cafferkey hit the post, before Cerys Kirby-Cook completed the scoring for Isleham.